1	2	3	4
6	Delhi	39	06
7	Gauhati	20	01
8	Gujarat	30	03
9	Himachal Pradesh	10	-
10	Jammu & Kashmir	11	-
11	Jharkhand	10	02
12	Karnataka	40	02
13	Kerala	26	02
14	Madhya Pradesh	39	04
55	Madras	44	04
16	Orissa	17	01
17	Patna	25	02
18	Punjab & Haryana	48	04
19	Rajasthan	32	-
20	Sikkim	1	-
21	Uttaranchal	9	-
	TOTAL	610	44

Compulsory registration of marriages and divorces

†1456. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Law Commission has recommended to make a legislation for mandatory registration of marriages and divorces;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard;

(c) whether any decision to make legislation in this regard has been taken so far by Government; and

(d) if so, the details of the decision taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Law Commission in its Report No.211 (October 2008), in the light of the directions of the Supreme Court given in the case of Smt. Seema *vs.* Ashwani Kumar [AIR 2006 SC 1158], has recommended for enactment of a central law.

(c) and (d) As the subject matter of marriage and divorce falls under the Concurrent List of the Constitution of India, the aforesaid Report of the Law Commission is being circulated to all State Governments for inviting their views in the matter. However, on the basis of the directions of the Supreme Court in the above mentioned case, the Government has already initiated the action for soliciting the views of State Governments.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.